



School News



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Students Thank Those Who Protect

Taft Elementary students recognized Patriot Day by writing thank-you letters and making cards for our local firefighters, police officers and military. We discovered that a former Taft student, Jose Vasquez, had enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was currently completing boot camp at Pendleton. Many of our sixth-graders wrote to Private Vasquez to thank him for his service and for protecting our country.



Private Vasquez and Mrs. Cardenas

Private Vasquez graduated from boot camp in October and showed up, with letters in hand, the following Monday to say thank you to our sixth-graders for writing to him. He shared his positive school experiences and how he set goals for himself in order to get into the Marines. Private Vasquez also had a chance to see his sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. Cardenas. This Patriot Day experience really had an impact on the students at Taft.